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AVA CONVENTION IN CARSON CITY: - The American Vecturist Association, an organization of collectors interested primarily in transportation, parking and car wash tokens, will hold their 27th annual convention at the Ormsby House in Carson City, NV, on August 12-14. Details of this meeting were provided in the previous issue of the *LEDGER*. Collectors from all parts of the country having a wide variety of interests will be there.

For the first time, the AVA convention will have a real dealers' bourse. Located in the Governor's Suite, the bourse dealers will be setting up Thursday evening, August 11. From previous experience, it is certain that many of the collectors will also show up in Carson City on Thursday. On Friday the bourse hours will be from 8:30 AM to 8 PM, and on Saturday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

On Sunday, the group tour to Virginia City will be held, and there will be no bourse. Additionally, there is a token auction to be held in two parts--Friday evening starting at 5:45 PM and Saturday afternoon after the end of the business meeting.

Although this is not a WESTS function, there will be many WESTS members attending and manning bourse tables. There should be a variety of every type of exonumia available.

If you need further information, get in touch with the convention chairman, Hal Dunn, P.O. Box 114, Carson City, NV 89701; telephone 702-882-0767. - DHF

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TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW (DAYTON, OHIO): - There will be a one-day token and medal show, Saturday, October 8, 1977, from 10 AM til 10 PM, at the Holiday Inn, cor. State Route 48 and I-70, in Englewood OH (Dayton - northwest). No admission charge, traders welcome, bourse tables available, food and lodging available, close to Dayton airport. For more information, contact Gaylor Lipscomb, 5010 Winton Road, Fairfield OH 45014, or Melvin Hayes, P.O. Box 24049, Cincinnati OH 45224.

LUMBER TOKENS: - Terry Trantow, P.O. Box 524, Ellensburg WA 98926, is entering the final stages of putting together a catalogue of lumber company and related tokens from the entire United States, a most ambitious project. If you think you have anything rare and not otherwise known, let him know and he will be most grateful. I don't yet have data on who will publish or anticipated cost, but I suspect it will be not too many more months into the future.

13 JULY 1977 - Late again, but this time I refuse to accept much of the blame. It is now nearly five months since I have had any contributions, long or short articles, and present responsiblities do not allow me to compose the whole shebang myself. Nor should Duane be expected to write an article every issue. There are 150 of you out there, and you all have brains and pens. So hook the one up to the other, write off an article or two, long or short, and post it off to me post-haste.

This is of course the summer doldrums, and as a result, I have rather little news to report. I was not able to attend the WESTS meeting in Carson City, as I was late compiling my latest price list. I will be going up to Carson City for the AVA, but between now and then, I must go off to New York once again. Right now, my seventh price list is out, and orders are just beginning to come in.

Five times per year, they hold a rather large flea market here in Santa Rosa in the VFW parking lot, and in May, I did run across some interesting tokens, but all from Minnesota and North Dakota, none from California. I added three new Minnesota towns, including six different tokens from one of them, Neilsville. The next one is scheduled in August, I believe the second Sunday, but I am not sure yet.

U.S. MINT MEDALS: - The Token and Medal Society has just released its "spectacular" contribution to the American Revolution Bicentennial, R.W. Julian's Medals of the United States Mint: The First Century 1792-1892, hardcover, over 475 pages, over 570 medals listed, lavishly illustrated. Cost is $35 to TAMS members, $37.50 to others, to be ordered from N. Neil Harris, TAMS Book Editor, P.O. Box 951, Colorado Springs CO 80901. I have not yet seen the book, but it is described to me as a lavish, first-rate publication. TAMS spent a very large amount of money financing this publication, and there has arisen a voluble controversy over whether an organization such as TAMS should expend so huge a sum on one book no matter how good or meritorious, when other, equally worthy projects are denied financial support, or delayed months or years as a result. Amongst the delayed projects is WESTS member Charles V. Kappen's catalogue of California tokens (see next note), which has by now been held up nearly two years since the completion of the manuscript. Charley jokingly says he'll do a supplement, publish it himself and have it ready before TAMS gets out the original work!

It seems to me that TAMS should take a more ecumenical view when it comes to supporting the research of its members. Kappen's book, to use a good example, will cost the organization a small fraction of what it has reportedly spent (some say squandered) on Julian's work. For the price of one lavish work, five to ten books like Kappen's could have been brought into print, and there are enough cataloguers and writers out there producing things, or who would produce if TAMS would offer them modest financial support (by which I mean nothing more than the costs of actual printing and publication

and distribution). If you agree and are a member of TAMS, contact one or more of the officers of the group, and explain to him your position.

2ND CALIFORNIA CATALOG: Charles V. Kappen's California Tokens, to be published by TAMS, has now been officially announced for the second time, and is offered at $13.50 to TAMS members and $15 to non-members. Statistics are 650 pages, nearly 20,000 listings, hardbound, priced. Order from N. Neil Harris, P.O. Box 951, Colorado Springs CO 80901. Kappen plans a supplement, and as I have mentioned above, it might just appear before the book, as a consequence of TAMS' inordinate procrastination.

(Note: I have ordered copies of Kappen's catalogue for the following WESTS members: Noll (5 copies), Ziegler, Lerch (4 copies), Rasmussen, Chamblin, Ruddick, Finch, Roza. If you want to order through WESTS, I can still increase the size of my order if you want a copy and will let me know at once. By the way, the confirmation of my order says that the catalogue is expected to be ready in late August or early September! But don't hold your breath waiting--there has already been a number of delays in the expected delivery date. - DHF

WORLD'S FAIR COLLECTORS ORGANIZATION: - Expo Collectors and Historians Organization, dedicated to the collection of World's Fair memorabilia, is a reorganization of an earlier group, World's Fair Collectors Society.

Membership in ECHO is $6 per year, and includes a bi-monthly newsletter "Expo Info." Additional information can be obtained from the acting secretary-treasurer of the group, Edward J. Orth, 1436 Killarney Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90065.

**********SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**********
by Hal Dunn

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

#219 L.P. ROBINSON, P.O. Box 2601, San Francisco, CA 94126. Collects: SF trade tokens, transportation & medals; Latin American silver coins.

#220 SCOTT K. JAMESON, P.O. Box 1848, Chico, CA 95927. Collects: Nevada & northern California tokens

#221 JAMES DEISINGER, P.O. Box 4101, Las Vagas, NV 89106. Collects: NV tokens & medals; foreign coins, especially British Empire

#222 JACK DONNELLY, 2301 So. 5th Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006. Collects: Arcadia, Monrovia & Sierra Madre tokens and postcards

ADDRESS CHANGES

#118 FLOYD L. HOLLIDAY, 14702 Mimosa Lane, Tustin, CA 92680.

FOOD STAMP TOKENS: A NEW SOURCE OF SUPPLY: Those of you who receive auction lists from Christensen & Stone must have noticed the rather extensive selections of food stamp tokens in the past two issues. These are being acquired by the consignor directly from the manufacturer, Personalized Plastics, Inc., P.O. Box 1272, La Crosse WI 54601. C&S place a minimum bid of $2.50 per set (as requested by the consignor), and advertise them as R-10. While the $2.50 minimum is somewhat stiff, it is the consignor's privilege, but the denotation of R-10 is both meaningless and absurd, a scare tactic intended to wring higher bids from the poor collector. A little checking seems to show that the offered sets are ones just recently made by PPI, and therefore they should be available directly from the issuer, at 91¢ face value for a set of five, 41¢ for the set of four. Some of these are from otherwise unobtainable or very rare towns, and a letter to the issuing market may well prove successful. If you request from the market, I would suggest enclosing $1 per set of five, 50¢ per set of four, plus SASE with sufficient postage (13¢ will do for single sets). The C&S lists at least seem to be providing lists of currently issued food stamp sets from all over the country!

There has been off-and-on talk emerging from the Carter administration that the entire food stamp program might be scrapped in favor of direct cash payments to needy families and individuals. But recent murmurings from Congress suggest that some reforms will be made, involving eligibility and distribution, so it now appears the stamps, and the related tokens, will be around for at least a few more years, though an ultimate phaseout of the program can be expected.

In my travels, I generally try to visit groceries in quest of the tokens, and have learned that PPI has been actively canvassing their potential market. They mail out a brochure, similar to the one pictured in the latest issue of Trade Token Topics, to every independent grocer, butcher, greengrocer, natural food store, etc., whose name and address they can scrounge. It is ordinarily accompanied by a few sample tokens; regrettably, every grocer I'd spoken with had already pitched out the samples, so I do not know whether they are overruns or special sample tokens. The first to show me the brochure was a grocer in Annapolis CA, a remote cattle and lumber town in the northwest corner of Sonoma County. The Annapolis grocer did not order the tokens, however.

I have still to find an area where the tokens have caught on with such popularity as the east side of Tulare County (Porterville, and nearby areas), just an occasional user here and there.

FEEL LIKE WRITING? WE NEED ARTICLES FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF THE LEDGER. *ESPECIALLY WANTED ARE ARTICLES ON TOKENS FROM STATES OTHER THAN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA, ALTHOUGH ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOMED.*

TRADE TOKEN COLLECTING TODAY

A View From the Crystal Ball

--Stephen Album

Now that I've been an active collector of trade tokens for some 17 years, I feel I have something to share about the present status of our hobby, and its place in the future.

Over the past 17 years, there have been many changes. Tokens are no longer reposing in junkboxes, and the 10¢ item of 1960 may now command $20 or $40 or more. Like all other numismatists, trade token collectors find new additions to their collection much harder to locate, and more difficult to acquire. True, the increase in token values has made it possible for a number of dealers to emerge in the field, and higher prices have squeezed thousands of tokens out of the woodwork that might otherwise have found their way to the dump. But on the whole, each successful find is the result of more hours of search and disappointment than formerly.

The formation of token collectors' societies, such as WESTS, has facilitated communication between collectors, and frequent meetings are seen as an opportunity to meet fellow collectors, swap and horse trade, buy and sell, and brag about recent finds. This has been one of the healthiest developments in the hobby.

There are some factors on the negative side. In almost every state, there have emerged a number of very large collections, which occasionally change hands at sums well beyond the reach of most collectors, and are almost never broken up. This has discouraged small collectors, who are awed by the size of the big collections and have little hope of ever having something of importance. This is not really true, for as a cataloguer, I can confirm that I have never seen a collection of more than ten tokens that didn't contain at least one unique item, and at least one more very desirable piece!

Another problem is that numerous hoards of tokens have appeared on the market in recent years, and many formerly rare pieces are now extremely common. One could easily acquire a collection of 1000 different California from the for-sale stocks of half a dozen dealers and collectors, with over 300 different towns. Back in the early 1960's, such a collection would have been considered one of the best around, but nowadays, all it takes is about $1500-2000 and a few weeks' effort. Thus the cost of "getting one's feet wet" is far greater than in the past. One result has been the popularity of local and regional collecting, rather than entire states. So greater specialization and more limited goals seem to be the order of the day.

This is no different from other numismatic fields. When I first began to collect foreign coins around 1955, collecting the whole world, mostly from dime junkboxes, was the norm, but nowadays, even a single country can be prohibitively expensive unless one limits his objective. And so it must be with trade tokens.

Where are we headed in the years to come? I expect to see more collectors in the future, with the growth in regional and topical collecting, rather than one-per-town collecting, as was most popular in the past. True, the rare towns, like the census tokens of the transportation tokens, will continue to fetch stronger prices, but the variety of modestly priced tokens will continue to grow, allowing greater flexibility and variety for the collector on a smaller budget. The prices of common tokens seem to have fallen slightly in the past two years or so, and this has made them more attractive to beginners.

Finally, there is bound to be a much greater interest in modern tokens, particularly those made of metal and plastic, which have come back into popularity throughout the country in recent years, especially in the nation's bars. These tokens are very collectible, available from the source at relatively nominal prices, but still very challenging to find. Bars and taverns continue to change hands very rapidly, and the easy ones of 1977 may be rarities in '78.

COLORADO TRADE-TOKEN CATALOGUE AVAILABLE?: - Some months back, announcement was made of a new catalogue of the trade tokens of Colorado. Advance orders were taken, and these have apparently been shipped. However, the authors are not yet ready to accept regular orders--seems that they want to figure expenses and price the book accordingly. I did see a copy of this catalogue which is a vast improvement over the earlier edition. Among other things, is is hardcover, and it does have a maverick index, plus some photographs.

Once order information is available, we'll let you know about it. Also, we hope to have a review of the book.

- DHF

ALASKA TOKENS FEATURED: - The April 1977 issue of "Alaska Fest," a complimentary magazine of The Alaska Airways, carries an article which tells something about Alaskan tokens, particularly the set issued in 1934 by the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. These tokens (I have the complete set) have always intrigued me because they are an official issue of a branch of the US government; because of that, these tokens have, to me at least, a special status above other trade tokens.

Max Heinzmann sent me a copy of the publication which also carries a number of other articles and features I found interesting. If interested in the article, you can reach Alaska Airways at 3201 E St., Suite 240, Anchorage, AK 99503, or at 1960 - 130th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA 98005. - DHF

BOOK REVIEW: Chits, Chiselers, and Funny Money, by Michael G. Pfefferkorn & Jerry F. Schimmel, Scorpion Publishers, Amherst NY, 1977. (available @ $17 postpaid, so long as first printing still available, from M.G. Pfefferkorn, P.O. Box 2829, Carondelet Station. St. Louis MO 63111)

After several years of delay, this reference, which promises to be the standard for years to come, has at last appeared in print. Its 242 pages plus 24 plates include descriptions of all metal, plastic, wooden and paper tokens issued by public or private agencies and intended for use as payment or accounting of state sales taxes in the United States. The listed pieces are arranged by state, then alphabetically by town within each state. Altogether, some 800 plus pieces are included, and while new discoveries will surely be made in the future, it is likely that the exhaustive treatment is close to complete. In an appendix, sales-tax related items are described, including promotional items, satirical pieces, and the personal card issues of sales tax token collectors.

Wherever possible, detailed historical information is provided, to the extent that the entire history of the sales tax token can be gleaned from the book. Thus the catalogue is far more than just a listing, but an historical reference as well.

A pricing supplement is provided, not bound in the book, but a separate pamphlet designed to be also used as a checklist for collectors. Both rarity indications and estimated of current retail price are given, but the authors caution that there is no established market for these pieces, especially the rarer ones, and these prices generally reflect only the best judgment of the authors and their contributors. As I have never collected nor bought and sold these items, I am no judge of the accuracy of the prices, but from scuttlebutt I've heard, they seem to be generally in the right ballpark, more than can be said for many price and rarity guides.

It is unfortunate that the book is not hardbound, especially considering the price, and the relatively small increment in cost represented by a cloth binding. The photos are of moderately good quality, all fully legible, though not outstandingly sharp. The arrangement is generally clear, and items are grouped in categories, making individual pieces easy to locate.

NEVADA TOKENS BEING FOUND: - Recently a telephone call was received from a non-token collector here in California. Seems he obtained a batch of dug tokens which came from underneath a hotel being razed in Reno. Most of the tokens were from Nevada, and those mostly from Reno and Carson City, although Virginia City, Pioneer, and a few other places were represented. For my help in evaluating the tokens, I received a piece from Pioneer. The rest of the tokens were to be offered to a collector in Nevada who had some political material wanted by the man with the tokens. It is possible that any untraded tokens will show up at the AVA convention in Carson City. - DHF

LONG BEACH - JUNE 1977

Duane Feisel and I shared a table at the Long Beach Stamp & Coin Exposition in Long Beach this June. As many of you know, WESTS member Paul Koppenhaver has persuaded Sam Lopresto, sponsor of the Exposition, to set aside a row of tables for exonumia dealers, to whom they are available at $125 for the four-day affair, half the price of regular tables. The only restriction is that only exonumia may be exhibited, no coins or paper money.

For both of us, sales were very disappointing, and there was very little in the way of retail. The show was poorly attended, perhaps in part due to the smog alerts that affected some parts of the LA basin that weekend, though I doubt that had much of an effect. The fact is that the dozens or hundreds of exonumia collectors, those who attend the meetings of CES and CATC and others not joiners, failed to make their appearance there, even though there was ample publicity of the show and of the presence of an exonumia section. Moreover, this was, I believe, the fourth time Paul had an exonumia section, so the word should have been around by now. Had the LA collectors been motivated to attend, they would certainly have come.

What, then, held them away? To some extent, and I admit this is a very critical comment, the majority of Southern California collectors are strictly bargain-hunters, looking to buy something for 25¢ at a flea market, unwilling to pay a retail or wholesale price. And this is reflected in the quality of most Southern California collections: a few really nice items, and a lot of junk. There are of course numerous exceptions, and these more sophisticated collectors did show up, and did buy what they could find to augment their collections, so long as they deemed the price fair and the total within their budget.

The lack of support by area collectors has persuaded Duane and me not to set up again at Long Beach, and frankly, I find this quite a disappointment. I think we both "made expenses," but only barely, and with no real compensation for the fact that we had devoted an entire week to getting there, doing the show, and getting home. Because I am also a coin dealer, I was able to do a little better by making a few decent, but unspectacular buys on the floor, items I'll make some profit on, but nothing to get me rich. Duane did not have this advantage, and was not even successful finding much for his collection.

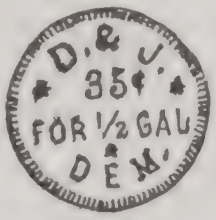
At the end of the ordeal, both Duane and I realized that we do more business, buying, selling, and especially swapping, at CANTS meetings, where tables are free (though may only consist of three square feet of floor space), parking is free, and the interest is keen.

The best two things down there were an Indonesion restaurant (Rumeh Sate) on Anaheim St., and a Lebanese one (forgot the name) on Ocean Blvd. in the Bayshore district. Both served excellent meals at affordable prices.

= WESTERN STATES TOKENS OF NOTE =

by Duane H. Feisel

IF YOU HAVE A PIECE OR TWO OF SPECIAL INTEREST, SEND A GOOD QUALITY RUBBING TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PIECE (INSCRIPTION, METAL, SIZE, BORDERS) AND WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU HAVE.



A 24 t/t

Of my recent acquisitions, this is one of my favorites. From Rio Vista, a fairly tough town, the token is for 35¢ refund when a 1/2 gallon demijohn (a large liquor bottle) is returned. "D.&J." probably refers to a specific brand of liquor, but I have not been able yet to determine which one.

WM 29 p/p

This appears to be a fairly modern token (probably early 1950's). Not too sexy, but it is a new CA town. Westchester is located in Los Angeles Co.

A 29(X8) b/b tr-sc

Another new LA County token is this dairy item from West Los Angeles. This is the first old token from there, and the first with the place name. The only other listing is a modern maverick.

B 24 r/r

This new listing for Scl 18 was turned up by a digger who worked the site of the Hotel. Tokens from Congress Springs are rare!

A token collecting friend, not a member of WESTS, sent me rubbings of several interesting Washington state

trade tokens. There are quite a few collectors of Washington tokens by town, so the discovery of a token representing a new town is an important event. Below are rubbings of tokens from four towns previously not represented.

A 21 b/l

Conconully is a town in Okanogan County. According to the information supplied to me, Dorwin ran a saloon in the period 1906-10.

A X4 28 b/b

Phoebe Westfield is reported to have had a store and ran the post office in Wheeler in the period 1909-11. I did find her listed in the 1914 Bradstreet's directory as operating a general store. Wheeler is located in Grant County.

A 20 b/b

Portage is located on Vashon Island in King County. The token was issued by a man who was in business there in the early 1920's.

A 24 t/t

So far, no information has been found for the issuer of the token from So. Cle Elem, a town in Kittitas County.

Finally, a nice item from a new town in Tuolumne County. Not very many tokens carry an inscription for the county! I have not found any directory listings for Arastraville. I do know that the location is near the town of Tuolumne. Two of these tokens have shown up, and I got this one in a trade with Dale Noll. Bob Swain also has the piece, but in somewhat better condition.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER pieces wanted. Many tokens available for trade.
Benj Fauver P.O. Box 521 Menlo Park CA 94025

MINNESOTA trade tokens wanted. Will buy or trade for any pieces I need. Collections purchased.
Stephen Album P.O. Box 7386 Santa Rosa CA 95401

WANTED: MAVERICK tokens of Brunswick Balke & Collender Co., and other billiard supplier tokens, also Chas. Pick & Co. and Childs tokens (both Chicago mfrs).
Bill Clapper P.O. Box 1573 Sioux Falls SD 57101

NEVADA items (RENO & area, also few Las Vegas), trade for same, or best cash offer, or car wash & parking tokens: Bonanza Square, Bonanza Inn, Sundowner, Westward Ho, El Morocco, many others, write.
John G. Nicolosi 3002 Galindo St. Oakland CA 94601

YOU NEED my new free 8-page list of merchant, civil war, hard times and transportation tokens. I will buy your tokens and medals at highest cash prices.
Bill Williges P.O. Box 445 Wheatland CA 95692

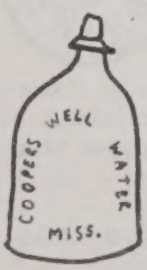
WANTED - MISSOURI merchant tokens, and tokens with eagle on reverse.
Chuck Littlefield 4841 Hannover St. St. Louis MO 63123

YUKON, N.W.T., B.C. trade tokens and numismatica wanted. Will buy or trade.
Leslie C. Hill, P.O. Box 80129, South Burnaby BC, CANADA V5H 3X5

WANTED - SLOT MACHINE tokens, with names only, such as Mills, Pace, Watling, Jennings. Also want gumball and slot machines, parts and literature.
Phil Balkan 5860 Tobias Ave. Van Nuys CA 91411

OHIO TRADE CHECKS WANTED, all types of coal & lumber tokens. I plan to attend AVA, Carson City, 12-14 August, will have many good traders or will buy.
Gaylord Lipscomb 5010 Winton Rd. Fairfield OH 45014

GEORGE P. CHATHAM
will buy or trade



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LOTS OF TOKENS AND MEDALS for sale and trade at the AVA Convention in Carson City. Hope to see you there!
Duane H. Feisel P.O. Box 1302 Los Altos, CA 94022

WANTED: Dime-size tokens with number on one side and value in trade on other side, especially incuse ones. Pay 10¢ each, or have tokens to trade. Tokens picturing or mentioning slot machines also wanted.
Stephen Alpert 11106 National Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90064

NEVADA COLLECTORS: I have NV tokens to trade or sell. Send me your list of traders or SASE for my list. Examples: Golconda Hotel; Kellison & Poncia, Sparks, Nev.; Breslin Hotel, Carlin, Nevada; The Overland Bowling Alley, Winnemucca, $6 each, postage paid 2 +.
Jack Haddock P.O. Box 7544 Reno NV 89502

WANTED: Tokens stating CENTRALCASSE on them with plow in center. The reverse shows the value. Please send rubbing & price wanted. All letters answered.
Jacobson P.O. Box 7101 Sacramento CA 95826

FOR SALE: San Diego, Cal., Ye Golden Lion Cafe, L.H. Provost, Prop., good for 5¢ in trade, rd. brass (Album, V.2, p. 180), $1.85 ea. p.p.
Forrest Dunham 625 No. 130th, #304 Seattle WA 98133

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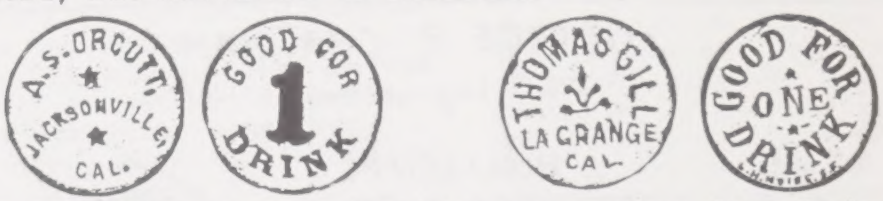
BETTER CA TOKENS IN MAIL BID SALE: - An out-of-state collector recently ran a mail bid sale which included a number of better CA tokens, mostly from Tuolumne County. The tokens came from a lady who had lived in Sonora, but had moved to Oklahoma.



The highlight of the offerings was a piece from Jacksonville--it went to a high bid of $61.05 (my bid, unfortunately, was just a couple of dollars less than that!).

Another better piece was an unlisted token from LaGrange which brought $41.60.

Calendar of Coming Events

AUGUST 12-14: AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION, annual convention, Carson City, NV, at the Ormsby House. Chairman: Hal Dunn, P.O. Box 114, Carson City, NV 89701. Bourse, displays, meetings, auction, banquet, special tour, special tokens, etc. See this issue and previous issue for details.

AUGUST 23-28: AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, annual convention, Atlanta, GA, at the Marriott Hotel. Bourse, displays, auction, meetings of a number of exonumia organizations, social events.

AUGUST 31: Deadline for copy for the August issue of the *LEDGER*.

SEPTEMBER 18: BAY AREA TOKEN SOCIETY, regular meeting, Walnut Creek, CA, at Home Federal Savings & Loan Building, Rossmoor, noon to 5 PM.

Other unlisted tokens included:
Jamestown Saloon - $16.76
Norman's Cafe, 477 Bush St. (SF) - $3.40
The Exchange, J. V. Newman & bro., Sonora - $15.20
"The Boquet", Alex White, 113 East Main St. (stockton?) - $8.80
City Hotel Cigar Stand, W.J. Smith, Sonora - $15.20

Among the listed pieces were:
Tuo 84 K - Opera Saloon, A. Piscart, Stent - $31.00
Tuo 71 A - Bimettalic, Quartz Mt. - $35.55
Tuo 78 AA - Magnolia Saloon, Sonora - $26.76
Tuo 78 A - Angels Beer Hall, Bottini & Prunetti, Sonora - $15.20
Tuo 78 Y - The Louvre Saloon, (Sonora) - $15.20
Tuo 84 B - Golden Rule Saloon, Wm. Sweeney, Stent - $18.00
Tuo 78 AT - Union Saloon, Ed. F. Doyle, Sonora - $26.76

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